

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for a period of five years to the listed applicants in Environmental Assessment No. AK-040-03-EA-003, for commercial big game guiding operations and backcountry tours on BLM administered land in Game Management Units (GMU) 17, 19, and 21E as well as the Rohn River (Tatina) site. My decision includes the standard stipulations for SRPs.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The rationale for the decision is to meet anticipated public demand for quality outfitted guide services. These services provide safe recreation and hunting opportunities in remote or relatively inaccessible locations within GMUs 17, 19, and 21 as well as the Rohn (Tatina) site.

The decision to allow the proposed action does not result in any undo or unnecessary environmental degradation. The proposed action is in conformance with the Southwest Management Framework Plan (MFP), approved in November 1981.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The Proposed Action will not restrict subsistence uses. No reasonable foreseeable significant decrease in the abundance of harvestable resources and no limitation on harvester access to subsistence species will result from the Proposed Action.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Compliance and Monitoring Plan:

Monitoring will be conducted as part of a yearly compliance exam. These inspections ensure that the permittees are in compliance with the stipulations and conditions attached to their permit.

/s/ June Bailey
Anchorage Field Manager

08-11-03
Date

Attachments:

1. Environmental Assessment AK-040-03-EA-003 (14 pp.)
2. Stipulations (3 pp.)